

WRIGHT, DYING, ASKED FOR CIGAR

English Promoter Washed Down
Deadly Dose of Cyanide with
Whiskey, Then Chatted with
Friends, Awaiting the End.

HAD REVOLVER READY
IN CASE POISON FAILED.

"This Is British Justice," He
Said as He Fell Back Dead—
Coroner's Jury Verdict Agrees
with Evidence.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—"Suicide" was the verdict passed by the Coroner's jury today in the closing chapter of the tragedy of Whitaker Wright. His death was caused by suffocation in consequence of poisoning by cyanide of potassium.

The jury found that Wright was perfectly sane and that there was not the slightest doubt that his death was due to most deliberate suicide.

From the evidence at the inquest it was shown that Wright had determined to take his own life in the event of an adverse verdict and that he went to court with a cyanide tablet in his possession, while in his hip pocket was a new revolver, fully loaded and even cocked.

After the sentence Wright went to the lavatory, while the stipstiff in attendance on him remained outside. There he swallowed the tablet, returned to the consulting room, washed down the poison with whiskey and water and after asking for a cigar, fell back dead as he was about to light it. He was chatting with friends as the end came.

One of the last things Wright said was: "This is British justice!"

Through at the Inquest.

The small Coroner's Court at Westminster on Jan. 28, passed the verdict of suicide on the body of Whitaker Wright, jr., son of the dead man, had to stand up throughout the proceedings. Neither the son nor the deceased's closest friends, so they testified to-day, ever heard Wright even intimate that he contemplated suicide.

His solicitor, George Lewis, jr., said that Wright all along implicitly believed that he would be acquitted, and that, at the worst, he only contemplated a disagreement of the jury.

Even after his sentence Wright showed only indignation.

In talking with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Eyre, one of the sureties, and Mr. Waters, the accountant of the London & Globe Corporation, Wright said:

"I really think I am the most composed of you."

As regarded an appeal, Wright said he would do exactly as he was advised.

Asked if some one had not better telephone the verdict to Mrs. Wright, Wright said:

"No. There is plenty of time for that."

Taking out his watch and chain, Wright handed them to Mr. Eyre, saying:

"I shall not have any use for this in that place," meaning the prison. "I give it to you, Eyre. Keep it for me."

This was all that was heard of Wright after he had taken the poison, holding a glass in his hand and still smiling at his captors, he said:

"Waters, give me another cigar."

Mr. Waters took up Wright's cigar case, which was lying on a table, and Wright deliberately cut the end of a cigar and struck a match. Just as he was going to light the cigar Wright flung the match from him, sank back unconscious and died without uttering another word.

The doctor who was called in to attend Wright said he had not detected any small or slow poisoning, and the official analyst, Dr. Freyberger, who conducted the post-mortem examination, testified that the working organ of the body exuded the peculiar penetrating smell of prussic acid and that there was not the slightest doubt that Wright's death was due to that poison, in his cyanide of potassium form.

Searched After Death.

The dead man had not suffered from any other disease, there were no lesions of the brain and the heart was healthy, though twice the normal size.

It transpired at the inquest that Wright was only a few hours from his death. A tablet found in his pocket did not appear to be poisonous. The revolver was discovered by the police after the Law Court officials had previously searched the body of Wright.

Commented on this and indicated that action would probably be taken by the higher authorities.

The funeral of Whitaker Wright has been arranged for Saturday morning at the church at Witley, Surrey, his former country home.

Seery was removed two years ago by former Commissioner Sturgis and was upheld in his suit for reinstatement in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Delany, upon taking office, advised Commissioner Hayes that a further appeal to the Court of Appeals was not only useless, but "absurd," and advised Seery's reinstatement.

Thomas Freely, who had been Fire Marshal in the interim, resigned the first of the year.

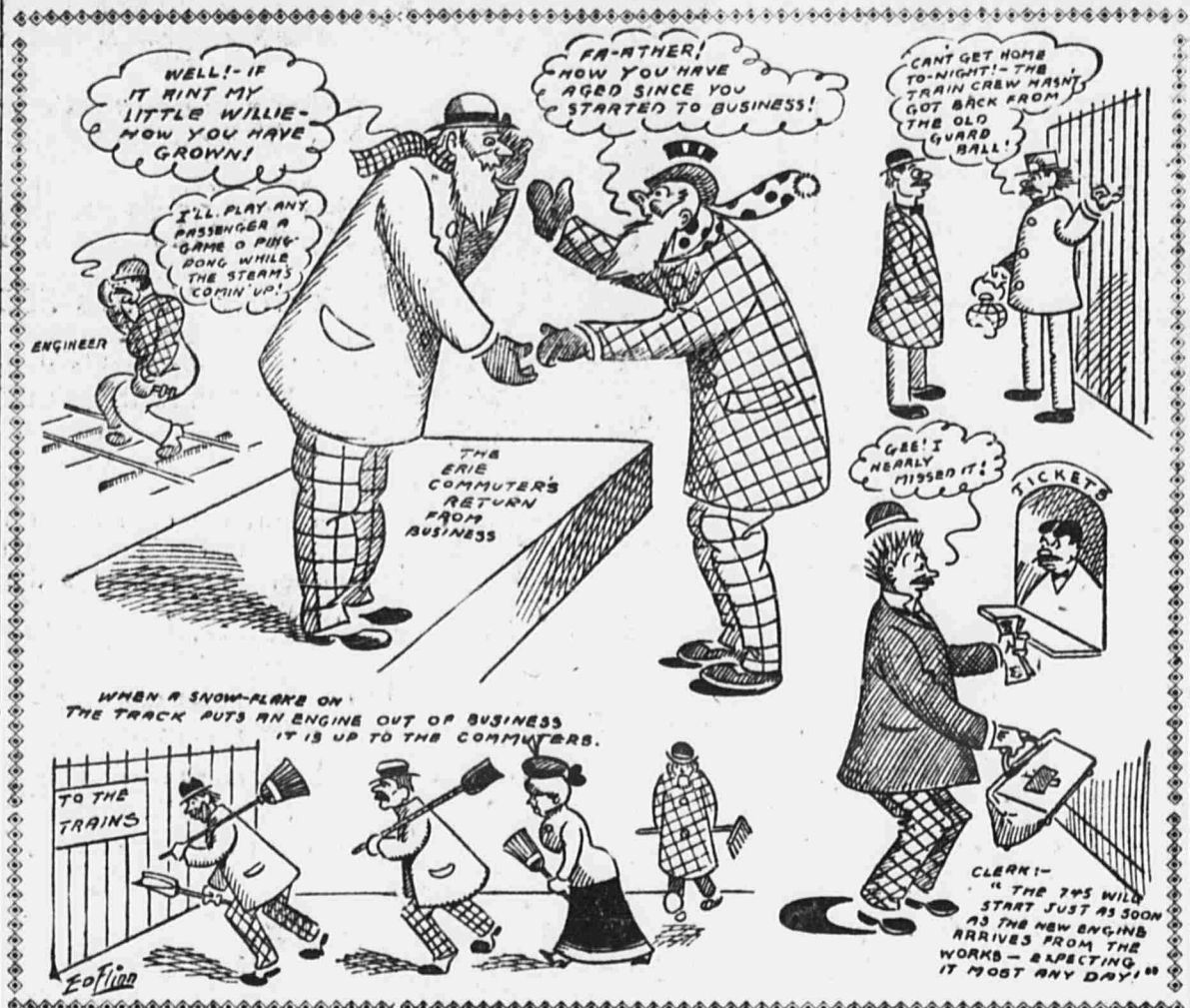
BROCKWAY AT NEWARK.

William E. Brockway, the noted counterfeiter, who was released Tuesday morning after spending some years in the State prison at Trenton, was that night a lodger at the Newark docks, as registered at the Prudential, in Hudson street, at 9 P. M., as "W. Spencer." His address on the register was "New York."

Not long after he arrived at the hotel two men, who described themselves as residents of Trenton, and who are supposed to have been shadowing the famous counterfeiter, procured quarters at the same place and remained all night.

Brockway left the hotel yesterday afternoon, and the other two men de-

PATHETIC INCIDENTS IN THE DAILY LIFE OF JERSEY COMMUTERS ON THE ERIE "JERK WATERS."



"BOB" DAVIS FINDS OUT WHY HE LOST

Pool-Room Man, Through Detectives' Aid, Discovers that Several Employees Had a System That Was Infallible.

"Bob" Davis, whose retirement from the pool-room game was exclusively announced by The Evening World some weeks ago, has resumed business. At the time of the retirement of Davis it was given out that the raise in the tariff for service by the Western Union Telegraph Company was the cause of his suspension. There was only a hint at the real reason for the quitting of Davis. It was known that he was a heavy loser, and it was stated in The Evening World at the time that there was some mysterious game being worked in many rooms in town, the nature of which the pool-room proprietors could not fathom. It was an influence that made them lose day after day, and an investigation was being made through the medium of detectives.

The truth now is out. The mysterious influence which made Davis such a heavy loser was, it is said, the dishonesty of his own employees, who were doing the sheets of the races with false bets.

Blamed Western Union.

Davis seized upon the action of the Western Union as an excuse for shutting down, for it gave him an opportunity of verifying his suspicions. He at once reorganized his working force and is now at the game once more.

Just how the game was worked on Davis was explained to an Evening World reporter by a man who is an expert sheet writer at the track. He said:

"It was very easy to rob a man like Davis who had an extensive chain of rooms and was compelled to rely on the honesty of his employees. All that was necessary was the connivance of the sheet writer and the cashier."

How It Could Be Done.

"Davis probably was robbed by substituting a set of false sheets with one or two 'bait' bets on the winners for the genuine sheets. It also could have been done by waiting until the result of the race was in and then taking on a good-sized bet on the winner. This is rather a clumsy method, however, and likely to arouse suspicion. It could not be done by erasure, for nothing arouses the suspicion of the bookmaker or pool-room man so much as to find erasures on his sheet. That they were legitimate mistakes doesn't go with him."

Davis it is said lost nearly a quarter of a million dollars before he finally awoke to the fact that he was being robbed. Then detectives were set at work and the whole scheme unearthed.

"It looked queer," said a player of races to-day, "that Davis could have lost all that money legitimately. The prices that the Western Union sends out to the pool-rooms are strong enough to take the doors off a steel safe."

RAID TOO SOON FOR FIGHT.

Police, However, Scatter 150 Who Had Paid \$2 Each.

One hundred and fifty men paid \$2 each to get into the back room of a saloon at Fifty-fifth street and Second avenue last night to see a prize fight between "Kid" La George and Young Kilson. All would have gone well if it had not been for the raid.

The appearance of the police gave the crowd a bad scare. At least ten men jumped out of windows and a dozen left without their hats and coats. The Captain ordered the others to scatter and withdrew.

DEATH OF MRS. KETCHUM.

Mrs. Annie Chambers-Ketchum, author of "The Bonnie Blue Flag," a war song of the Confederacy, as well as of many other poems, died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital in her eightieth year.

Mrs. Ketchum wrote "The Bonnie Blue Flag" in Memphis, Tenn., in 1863, about the time of the battle of Shiloh, when her husband, Leonard Ketchum, received a fatal wound. When Memphis was occupied by the Federal troops Mrs. Ketchum refused to take the oath of allegiance and was banished from the city.

Mrs. Ketchum, who had lived much abroad, leaves a daughter, Mrs. A. W. Hart.

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